

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after page 12, line 27:

Figure 9 is a plan view of the thermoplastic sheet material of Figure 7, shown with the edges joined together to form a fin seal.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 15-29 as follows:

Any of these preceding apparatus for attaching a zipper strip 10 to thermoplastic sheet material 50 may be used in the manufacture of packages on a horizontal or vertical FFS machine. In this regard, Figure 6 is a schematic view of a horizontal apparatus. A roll 90 of thermoplastic sheet material 50 dispenses the sheet 50 intermittently in lengths equal to that of the packages being manufactured and filled. A length of zipper strip 10 is applied by the zipper applicator 92, which may include any of the three apparatus described, to the center of the sheet material 50, as shown in Figure 7, leaving sufficient material along the two lateral edges 96 of the sheet material 50 to fold over toward another for joining in an overlap or fin seam 300 (see Fig. [[8]] 9).